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OF

BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA,

SHOWING SOME OF THE

Public Buildings, Churches, Schools, Business Blocks,

Residences, Factories, Streets, and other Views.

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"And Nature Lies a Dreaming"

THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG.

BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, was organized as a corporation by an Act of Assembly passed March 4, 1870, with the title of "The Town of Bloomsburg." It has the distinction of being the only incorporated "Town" in the State. It includes in its limits all the territory previously embraced in Bloom Township. The township was one of the original twelve into which the county was divided at its organization in 1813, in which year it was cut off from Northumberland County. Bloomsburg became the county seat in 1845. Its population in 1820 was 1626; in 1900 it was 6170.

Since its organization in 1870 it has made rapid strides, and many handsome public buildings, large business blocks, beautiful homes, and extensive factories have been erected. It has an excellent sewerage system; an inexhaustible supply of pure water; gas and electric light; and steam heat supplied through mains in the streets. It has an efficient fire department, and an electric system of fire signals. It has communication with the outside world by four railroads, and the mails are distributed by letter carriers. In educational facilities it is in the front rank, the Normal School, the High School, and two other large buildings affording accommodations for more than fifteen hundred pupils.

The moral welfare of the community is looked after by numerous religious organizations. The Protestant Episcopal Church has had continuous existence here for more than 107 years, the title to the plot of ground where the Church, Parish House and Rectory now stand dating back to 1793. The Methodist Episcopal Church, whose large stone structure is one of the ornaments of our town, shelters a congregation that was first organized about 1834. The Presbyterian Church is another handsome structure, and the first organization of the denomination dates back to 1817. Other bodies having commodious and comfortable places of worship, are the Lutheran, Reformed, Baptist, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, and African M. E. Churches. A prosperous Y. M. C. A. occupies the William Neal homestead.

There are three banks, the First National, organized in 1864; the Farmers National, organized in 1891; and the Bloomsburg National, organized in 1899; the aggregate of capital and surplus being $373,000. All of these institutions are handsomely finished and furnished, and are provided with the latest modern inventions in the way of burglar proof vaults

Bloomsburg has good hotels, prosperous business houses, both wholesale and retail, enterprising newspapers, beautiful scenery, healthy location, and all that is necessary to make it the beautiful place that it is.

Brief mention of the Normal School, and the several industries will be found under other headings.

This, however, is not an historical work. Its object is to present pictorially the beauties of our town, and to keep in line with many other places that are publishing similar souvenir books. In its pages will be found public buildings, churches, schools, business blocks, residences, factories, street views, and other scenes; not all of them, but a few of each, selected with the desire to produce representatives of each class.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

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BLOOMSBURG TOWN HALL.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

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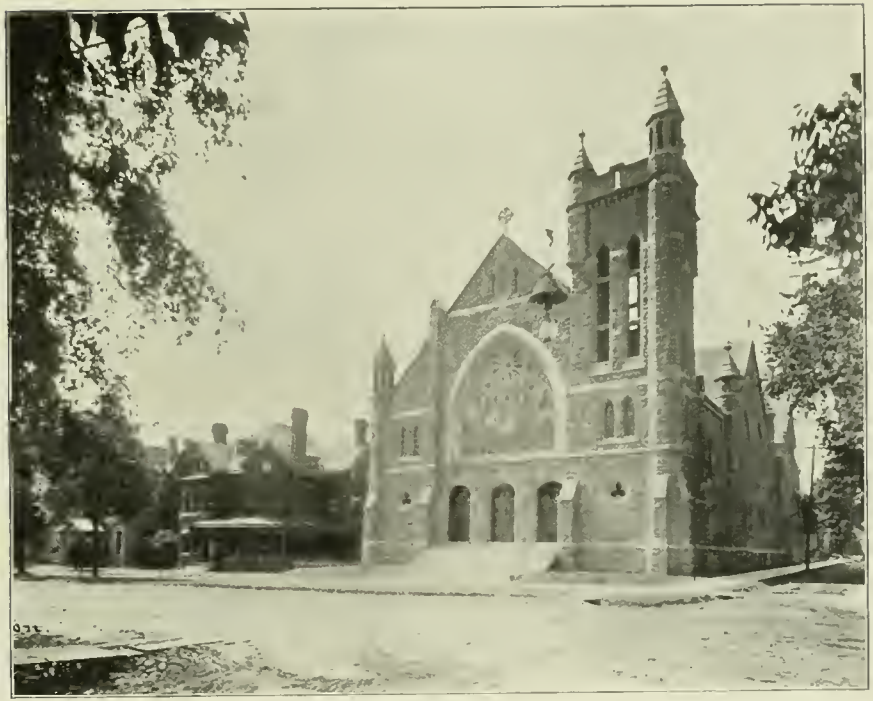
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



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TRINITY REFORMED PARSONAGE AND CHURCH.

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OLD M. E. CHURCH, BUILT 1857.
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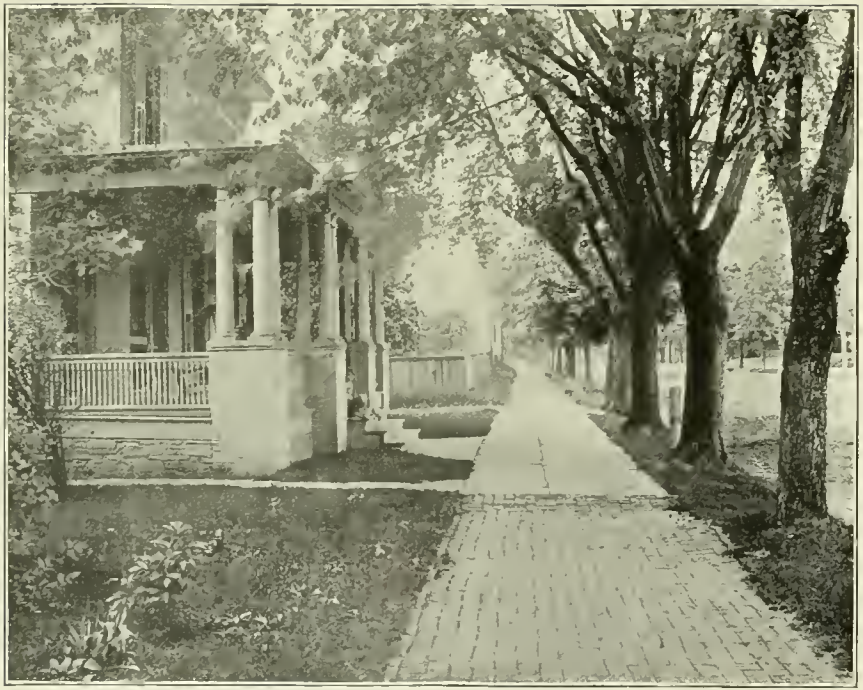

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VIEW FROM HEAD OF MARKET STREET.

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MARKET SQUARE.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK. Photo by G. Edward Elwell.
MRS. M. E. ENT'S BUILDING.

MAIN STREET, 1901, SHOWING TROLLEY ROAD.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUG HOUSE OF MOYER BROS.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, SIDE VIEW.

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BUILDING OF W. H. MOORE, JACOB KELLER AND MOYER BROS.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON'S STORE.

PAUL E. WIRT'S BUILDING.

BUILDING OF C. C. PEACOCK AND L. N. MOYER.

H. J. CLARK & SON'S BUILDING.

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H. G. SUPPLEE'S STORE BUILDING.

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EXCHANGE HOTEL, G. SNYDER & SON, PROPRIETORS.

BLOOMSBURG WATER WORKS.

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FIFTH STREET FROM CENTRE STREET.

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F. P. PURSEL'S STORE.

BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

THE BLOOMSBURG LITERARY INSTITUTE was incorporated in 1856. A school was opened for a short time, and then suspended. In 1866 Prof. Henry Carver came here and opened a school in the old Academy, corner of Third and Jefferson streets. This stirred up renewed interest in educational matters, and the Institute organization was revived, resulting in the engagement of Prof. Carver as Principal. The location for a new building was selected, and a contract made for the erection of the building, at a cost of $15,000. The present Normal Auditorium is that building. Hon. L. B. Rupert was elected President of the Board of Trustees, and continued as such until 1873. Judge Elwell was then elected and held the position until 1888, when he resigned, and William Neal was chosen to fill the vacancy, and was annually re-elected until 1898 when A. Z. Schoch was chosen and has served up to the present time.

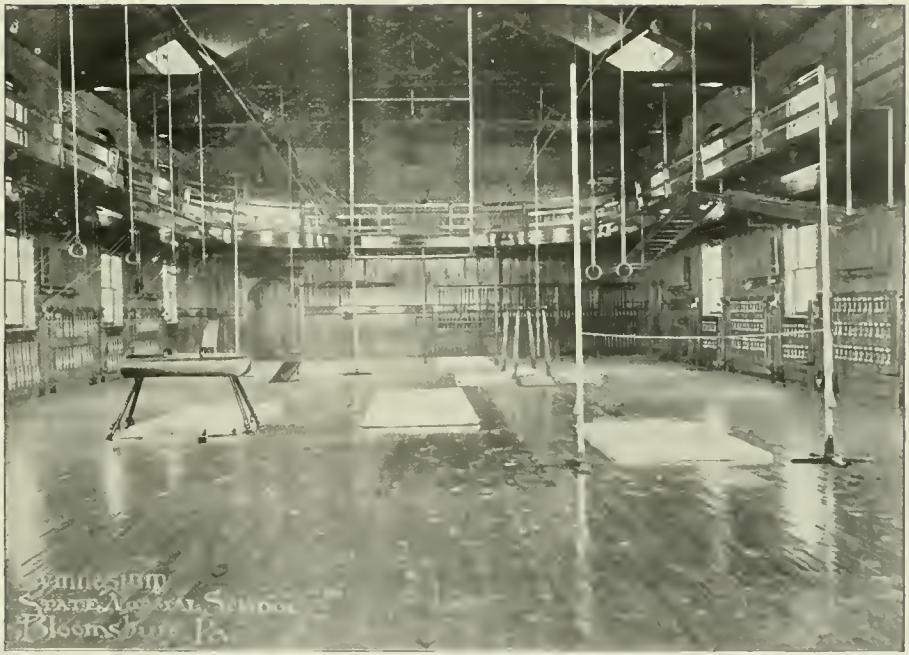
The new building was dedicated April 4, 1867. On February 22, 1869, a dormitory building having been erected in the meantime, the school was recognized by the State as a Normal School. Prof. Carver left in December, 1871, and Charles G. Barkley, Esq., was elected Principal by the trustees, accepting it only temporarily until some one else could be secured. Mr. Barkley resigned in March, 1872, and Rev. John Hewitt, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, was elected, and had charge of the school until June, 1873. Dr. Griswold succeeded him, continuing until 1877, when Rev. David J. Waller, Jr. superseded him. In 1889 Dr. Waller was appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and resigned, when Prof. J. P. Welsh was elected.

On September 4, 1875, the Dormitory was destroyed by fire, and by April, 1876, a new one stood in its place. Then the school began to grow, and as years went on new buildings were erected, and additions made to the old ones, until now there are six large buildings, which, with their equipments, have cost over $250,000. It has graduated the largest class ever graduated in any Normal School in the State, and is recognized as one of the leading educational institutions of the country.

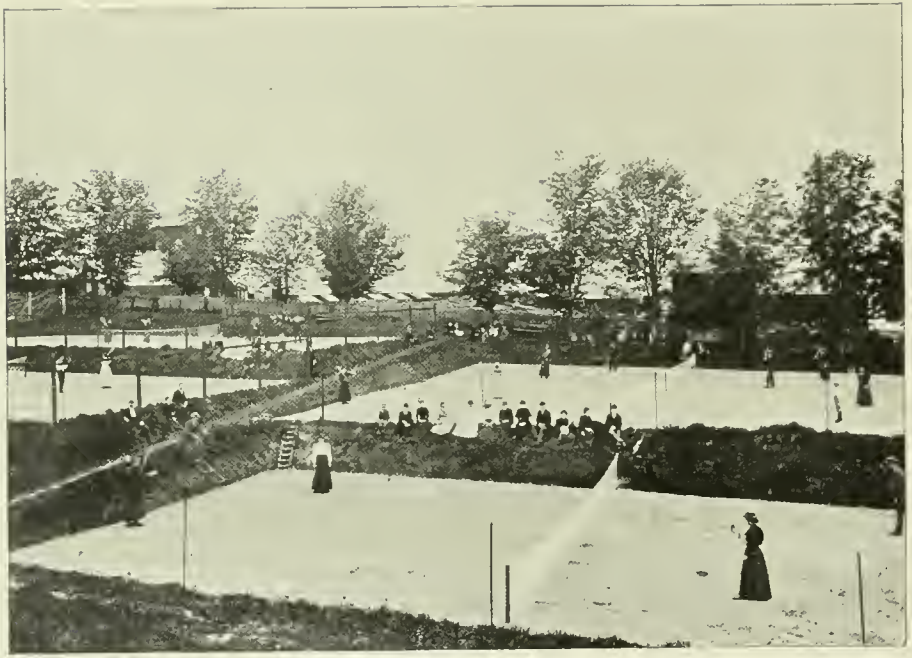
The buildings consist of Institute Hall, which stands at the head of Main street. On the second floor is the Auditorium, with over one thousand opera chairs, and a well equipped stage. The Model School Building is a three-story structure next to Institute Hall. It contains twenty-eight recitation rooms. The Dormitory is four stories in height. It has accommodations for five hundred or more pupils. The north end addition was completed in 1894. It contains the library, study halls, laboratories, lecture rooms, dormitories, etc. The Gymnasium is ninety-five feet long and forty-five feet wide. It is fitted up with the best apparatus made, and has a running gallery. There are baths and lockers for both sexes in the basement. A number of views are given in these pages.

BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

NEW TOWER AND APPROACH.



NORMAL GYMNASIUM.



NORMAL TENNIS COURTS.

VIEW FROM ATHLETIC FIELD.

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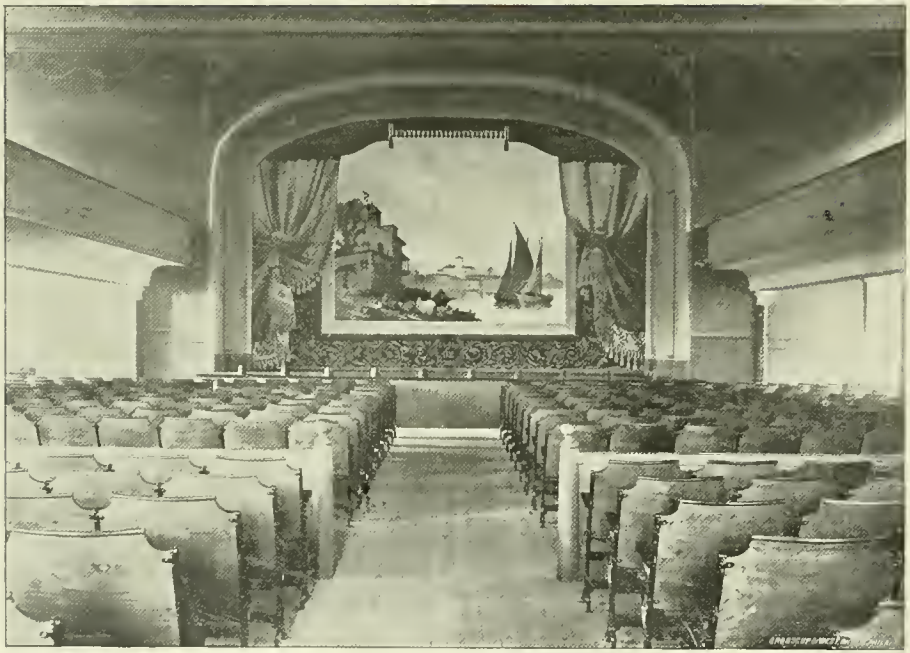
DOWN MAIN STREET FROM THE NORMAL.

BLOOMSBURG FROM THE NORMAL CUPOLA.



NORMAL AUDITORIUM.

INDUSTRIES.

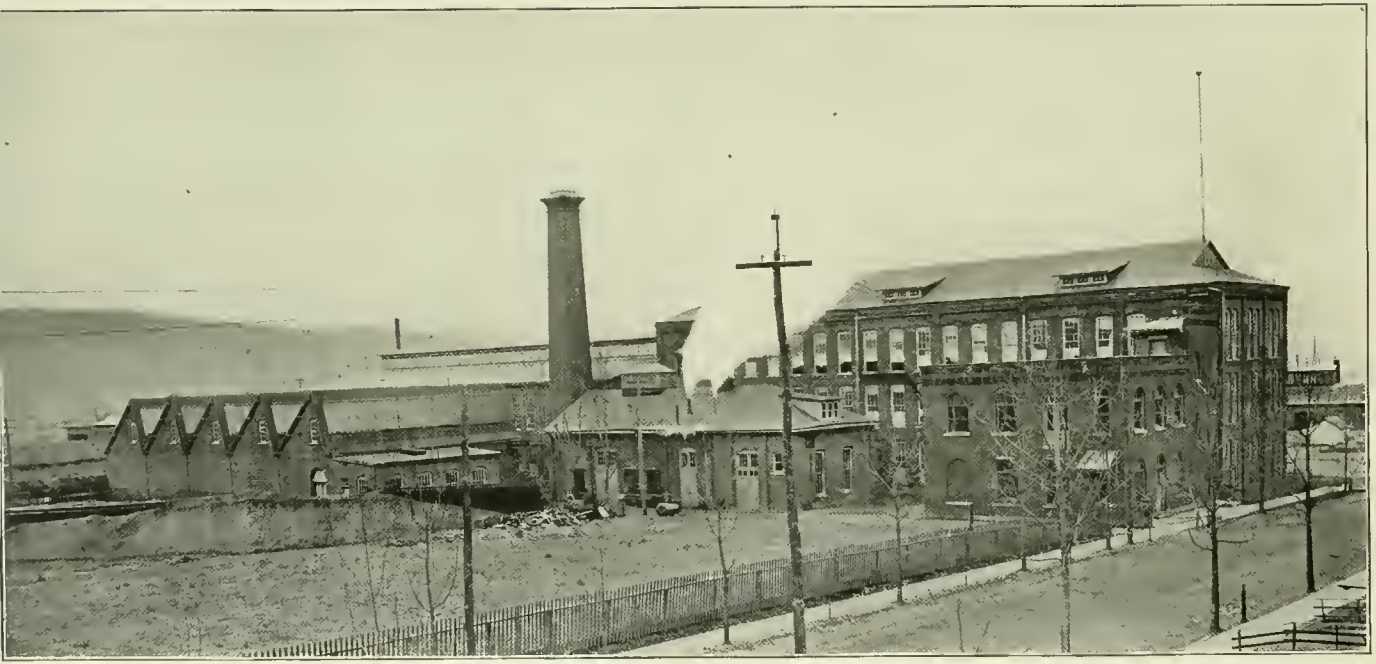
FOR many years the chief industry of Bloomsburg was the manufacture of iron. The ore was procured in this immediate vicinity, some of the mines being within the present limits of the town. The two furnaces of the Bloomsburg Iron Company at Irondale, and the furnace of McKelvy & Neal, subsequently owned by William Neal & Sons, gave employment to a large number of men.

The Bloomsburg Iron Company was organized in 1839, and the furnaces were erected in 1844. The furnace of Neal & Sons was erected by William McKelvy, William Neal, and Jacob Mellick in 1853. The exhausting of the ore and the increased cost of manufacture, together with the decline in the iron trade, made the business unprofitable within the past twenty years and all the furnaces have been torn down. Nothing remains now to show that they existed as the chief centers of business here, except the immense cinder tips. Other industries that have flourished in the past were the car shops of G. M. & J. K. Lockard, the foundry of B F. Sharpless, the carriage shops of M. C. Sloan and Brother, the foundry of Hess Manufacturing Company, the tannery of William Snyder, the Brass & Copper Company, and the Keystone Foundry & Machine Company.

Those that are now in operation are : The Bloomsburg Silk Mill, of which Mr. Joseph Ratti is General Manager and Treasurer ; the Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. W. P. Meigs is Superintendent ; the Foundry and Machine Shops of Harman & Hassert ; the Bloomsburg Woolen Mill, owned and operated by E. C. Caswell & Co. ; the Magee Carpet Works, one of the largest carpet factories in the state ; the Richard Manufacturing Company ; J. J. Robinson's Planing Mill ; the Hawley-Slate Furniture Company ; the School Furnishing Company ; Paul E. Wirt's Fountain Pen Factory ; the White Milling Company ; Ikeler & Fleckenstine's Steam Flouring Mill ; J. L. Dillon's Green Houses, one on Normal Hill, and the new one on Fifth street ; Bryfogle's Green Houses ; Weiss & Davis' Green Houses ; Ferguson's Brick Yard ; Paragon Plaster Company ; potteries, steam laundries, printing offices, machine shops, &c.

A new company has been organized, which has leased the building formerly occupied by the Elevator Works, where green houses will be manufactured, to be known as the Henry W. Gibbons Company.

Several new industries have been looking our town over, and it is likely that some of them, at least, will decide to locate here.



BLOOMSBURG SILK MILL.

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PLANT OF THE BLOOMSBURG CAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

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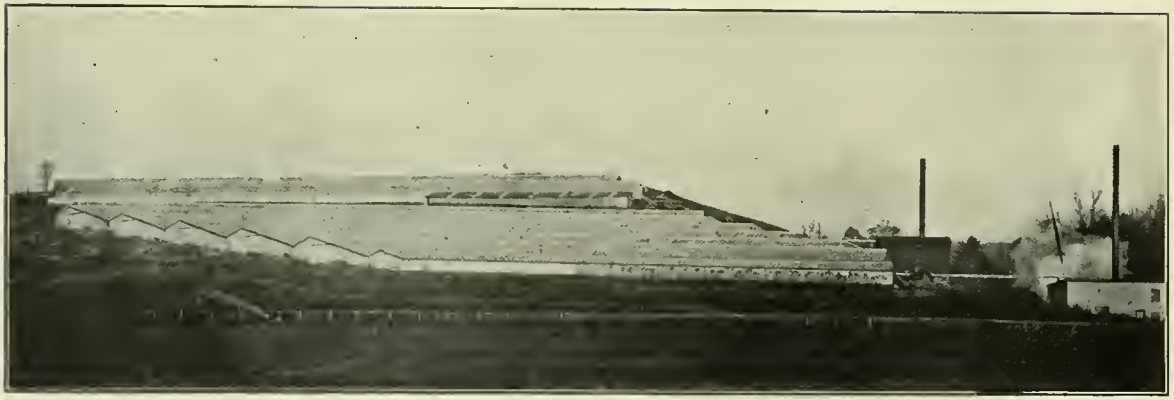
HARMAN & HASSERT'S FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOPS.

WHITE MILLING COMPANY'S MILL.



J. L. DILLON'S FIFTH STREET GREEN HOUSES.

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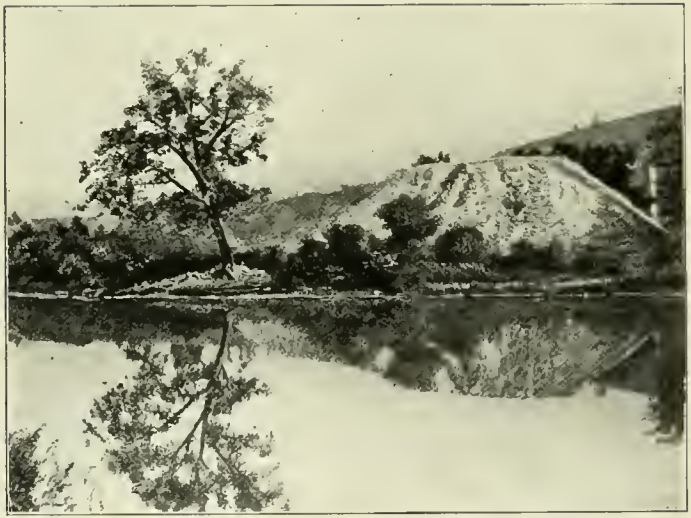

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FISHINGCREEK AT IRONDALE.

BOONE'S DAM.

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THE COLUMBIAN AND J. E. ROYS'. B. A. GIDDING'S. F. D. DENTLER'S. J. R. TOWNSEND'S.

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PENNSYLVANIA CANAL.

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COUNTY BRIDGE ACROSS THE SUSQUEHANNA.

BLOOMSBURG FAIR GROUNDS.

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MAIN STREET FROM MARKET SQUARE.

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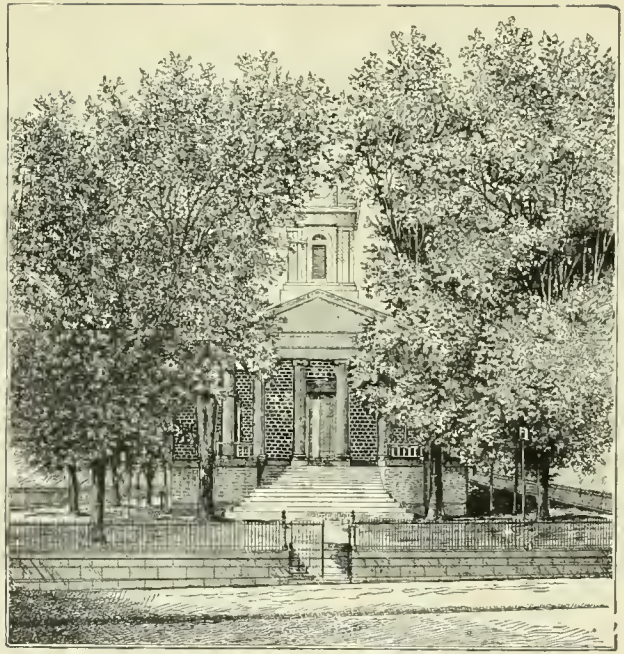

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HEMLOCK CREEK, NEAR BARTON BRIDGE.

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DRIVE ON RIVER ROAD.

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OAK GROVE.

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